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#### HE HAD THE IDEA.

An immigrant, taking examination at Middletown, N. Y., to determine whether he should be admitted to citizenship, was asked:

"Who is the governor of New York?"

"Charles F. Murphy."

"And who is Martin Glynn?"

"He is the one they put in after Sulzer was laid

of things.

#### MORE THAW CASES.

Apparently as long as Thaw's money holds out his legal proceedings can continue, now in this State, courts. The governor of New Hampshire signs the extradition papers for the return of Thaw to New s then sent back to New York, there begins again he long course of proceedings over the old, old case.

In the brief time that Thaw was on the other side our northern boundary, Canada, it must be coned, did a far better as well as quicker job with e business than was ever done over here.

#### PARCEL POST PROFITS.

It is stated that the profits of the parcel post for he complete year 1913 will be about \$30,000.

That is altogether too much. The public is paying part of the profit, which it ought not to do, and the iltroads are paying part, which they likewise ought not to do. The compensation to the railroads is too nall, and should be raised. The rates paid by the ublic are, too high, and should be reduced. There no reason why the parcel post should be operated with the purpose of earning profits. It should be omfortably on the safe side of the deficit dead line; ut it should do no injustice either to the public or

This business has expanded at such a rate that i even yet impossible to conjecture to what extent rates may be lowered or the facilities increased. net going to be necessary to impose unreas ly low rates on the railroads or excessively high nes on the public. The time is ripe for such readinstment, at both points, as will give a square deal til around.

### **UNCONSTITUTIONAL?** OF COURSE!

The attorney general of New York has opined hat the Federal law for the protection of migratory birds is unconstitutional. He announces that the Narol over a State's birds.

from the law officer of the State of New York. It is fore it is too late. nerely preliminary to a court proceeding to decide

spectacles that we have in this country. Of course. rastly the busiest ones, are the police judges and still more remote. justices of the peace. They can be relied upon to discover constitutional disabilities in almost anyhing that the National Legislature has passed.

New York's attorney general admits that he is here's the end of it.

If only we could have a Congress made up of solice magistrates and justices of the peace and at- people to try to interpret him as warning us of pendbrneys general of States, so that our laws could be ing panic, it was a great injustice to him for party nade to hold water!

### PARTISANSHIP AND PIFFLE.

Blair Lee was elected Senator from Maryland by thuge majority. The circumstances were such that here is possible ground for a quibble about the reguarity of the procedure.

The Federal Constitution was amended last ipring, providing for popular election of Senators. No State had laws providing the machinery for such elections. Maryland was like the others in this re- lackson because the disbursing officer of the august gard. After the most careful investigation it was de- legislative body in which he sits has decided that his of the Chamber of Commerce and a sided that there was no need to have the State go pay check stopped working and that of Senator-elect the expense of an extraordinary legislative ses- Lee began on the date of Mr. Lee's election. tion! when the governor could by proclamation order Despite the fact that the new tariff bill has at-

sbjection should not be urged against Lee. could well do without, is falling back on this technicality and proposing to oppose seating him. Should he point be made to stick, he could not take his seat hill after the Maryland Legislature has met, passed he required legislation, and the State had held a special election under it, at large expense, and with absolutely no doubt of the result. It would be sheer the many be expected to be guided by party exit.

Senate may be expected to be guided by party exit.

The leadership of the bemocratic committency and the bemocratic committency and the bemocratic committency and the bemocratic committency. As the social question of the description of the doesn't need the money, anyhow, if he possesses to take the Paris job. If he takes it to take the

waste and folly.

litical organization in general. Why can't a partisan have sense? It seems a fine companion-piece to the New York World's famous query, "Why must a boss be an ass?"

#### A CURRENCY CAUCUS.

The calling of a Democratic caucus in the Senate, to make the currency bill a party measure and hitch it firmly to the partisan chariot, is a most significant sign. It is a good deal more significant than casual commentators have quite realized thus far.

There is insurgency among Democrats in the committee, and the caucus is to do what the committee is unable to do: Force the Administration measure upon the floor of the Senate in the form the Administration wants it. Can the caucus force the passage of the measure in that same form?

It is just as well to understand that the currency . The papers were duly issued. Which shows that measure's situation is precarious in the extreme. bur courts are getting much less technical than they The Times called attention the other day to the reused to be and disposed to seek out the real merits markable parallel between the 1910 effort of the Taft Administration to force a railroad measure through Congress unchanged, and the present effort of the Wilson Administration to do approximately the same thing with a currency measure. The Taft railroad bill fell into the hands of a Senate that renow in that State and then again in the United States fused to be managed, and as a result was almost completely overhauled.

Will the currency measure have a like fate? York, where he is under indictment for conspiracy. The Democratic control of the Senate is so close that But the United States District Court in New Hamp- a very modest measure of insurgency makes it prethire can keep Thaw out of New York perhaps for carious. On one side the President has received nany months. And after that there is still the United what his supporters construe as a general indorse-States Supreme Court. And still, after that, if Thaw ment of his policies. It might in reason have been expected that last Tuesday's election would so strengthen the Administration hand as to bring the currency bill out of the committee with all the Democrats at its back. But nothing of the kind happened, from which it is not an unreasonable inference that there is no placating or driving the insurgent Democrats; they will have to be appeased by concessions to their very earnestly entertained views of the matter in hand.

There is a vacancy in the Senate from Alabama which lost one Democratic vote. Senator Jackson of Maryland still clings to his seat, and there is a serious question whether Blair Lee, Democrat, has been legally elected to take his place, whether he can get credentials from the Republican governor of the State, and whether if he gets them the Senate will

If Senator-elect Lee should be refused his seat Senator Jackson would continue to serve. There is general agreement on that point. The Maryland Legislature will meet in January, and could very promptly pass a law providing for a special Senatorial election to fill the Rayner vacancy. But that all means delay. It is two months before the Legislature will meet: it would have to provide for the formalities of nomination, and then an interval before the election. Altogether, it is very possible that Blair Lee will not be seated in the Senate for three months yet. And it is by no means difficult to calculate a serious possibility that Lee's vote may be

### MR. SCHIFF'S CURRENCY TALKS.

Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, giving warning of the sonal Government has no right to assume any con- need of reform of our currency system, ought to know, and beyond a shadow of doubt does know, Same old question, of course. Let it be noted that that need and the evil that can come to both capital ing to keep his courage up when the his decision is not from a court of any kind; merely and labor if the currency reform doesn't arrive be- thermometer is not so.

But Mr. Schiff hasn't said in his recent interwhether the attorney general has guessed right or views that this country was on the verge of in- Wednesday after theater. dustrial, commercial, and financial ordeals. He The attorney general of a State, in the act of did say so in 1907; and in a very few months this lemnly announcing that a national law doesn't country was in the spasms of panic. This year, on burgh till further notice. "go" in his jurisdiction, is one of the most amusing the contrary, he says that danger is much more remote than it was in 1907 and that the right kind of he greatest constitutional experts we have, and currency reform would be almost sure to make it

Mr. Schiff does not say that the currency legislation now before Congress ought to be passed in the heard of considerable these days, it shape it is urged by the Administration, Mr. Schiff has said that a currency reform measure such as the serry to have to do it. He is "in sympathy with the Administration has placed before Congress ought to purposes of the law," he says, but it's bad law, and be passed in due season, after it has been PROP- here had their picture in the Saturday ERLY AMENDED.

> If it was a great injustice to Mr. Schiff for some leaders and organs to attribute to him a full indorsement of the Administration's currency measure, when he had merely declared that the President's plan was seeking to do the right thing, but that before it should be put into execution it should be made the right plan.

### A RELIEF FUND THAT CAN WAIT.

Persons whose sympathies are easily moved need not be in a hurry to start a relief fund for Senator

he balloting for Senator. There were conferences tached no ballast to the high cost of living, it is n Washington, and it was commonly understood that probable that Mr. Jackson will be able to worry which thank heaven. For their being he agreement had been reached that such a technical along through Christmas without having to see Uncle scarce, that is, not for the Mt. Pleasabout his watch. And, of course, the Serate can ant line. But now Lee is elected, and it develops that some straighten out the tangle and relieve the Senator's of the seven-by-nine partisanship that the Senate suspense whenever it gets ready to do so. Mr. Lee

Senate may be expected to be guided by party exi-Partisans who indulge this kind of piffing antag- gencies as well as interpretation of the law.

## THIS & THAT

OUR INANIMATE WEEKLY.

1913.-XLV. U. S., as regards the Huerta gazimb. Just simply will not tolerate him; 7ith consummate caution they forwarded him A daintily-tied ultimatum.

Then followed elections, the splurge of the week, And many waxed enthusiastic

O'er Tammany's being knocked out, so to speak, (Providing you speak it sarcastic.)

The Dems, as is custom, proceeded to All over the land, which, of course,

meant According to those who are of admin)

An administration indorsement. Doc Davidson's sorry it has to be

But honest, he simply must leave us: His newer position affords him more Nog do we reproach him, believe us

"Huerta Defiant!" Oh, come now! I Shall e'er we get rid of that head-

The money bill split's getting wider The invites are out for That Wed-

flourish without! Enter Billy Mc-Combs (Personification of "tarry"):

He (unwitting theme of a lot of our Expects (and he did it!) to marry. R. made a speech in far-off Buenos

Aires-T. R., now and ever the Master-And, not that I think there is anyone Cares. Who else is engaged but Vince

Once more is the finest reserved for

Astor?

the last; I speak of the Thaw extradition. By reason of which I am traveling fast Toward a semi-lunacious condition.

AROUND THE VILLAGE Thanksgiving is coming.

The food show is a big success Mean weather was the order of yes-

Harve Wiley, of here, spent Thursday, New York. Miss Dorothy Williams of here got

narried Friday in London. Many preparations are being made for the big wedding this month.

Miss Jessie Wilson of here was New York most of the week, as was also Miss Genevieve Clark.

Ye ed still is sleeping outdoors striv-

a party of friends at the Shoreham

Frank Sayre went back to New York

Monday. Frank now has a better job, but intends to leave same.

seeming that a man must go far away are the Cabinet or "official family" of to get his name in the napers Quite a number of the newspaper men

Evening Post this week although not for doing anything much. Beginning yesterday there is going to be music at the Willard Hotel twice

is a sure sign of winter coming. Hank Stewart of this place was elected governor of Virginia Tuesday. This

a week from half past four to six which

ought not to be allowed say we, he living here practically all of the time. fine speech in London Thursday he

telling people not to believe what the

English papers say about America.

Old Tom Grant who is the Secretary fine fellow beside that is ill at this writing. A quick recovery Tom is our

are scarce on the Mt. Pleasant line, for

chairman of the Democratic commit-

again. Welcome back Fred say we and how does it feel to have a sum-

## New Social Arbiters Who Enter Capital Circles Under the New Regime



MISE OF REPRESENTATIVE

By MARY EDNA NOYES. There has been an upheaval in Washington society. The roots of fash ionable society, which were buried be

**Upheaval Through Changes** 

in Inner Circles.

neath sixteen consecutive years of Re publican patronage have been torn un and ruthlessly cast aside. This is so of set because she possesses the qualities publican patronage have been torn up and ruthlessly cast aside. This is so of necessity, even though the new leaders that make her son, as did Mrs. Levi Z. do not intend a wholesale upheaval.

Mrs. Wilson and her daughter, in fore her. To be a social leader in Wash. Wilson and her daughter, whose hands the greatest part of the building of the new social structure rests, are now cynosure of all eyes. There will be many well-known figures in the new order of things, for official society new order of things, for official society is not omnipotent in Washington. The fad of the society set), one must be permanent residential contingent known as the "cave dwellers" are socially powerful persons who own and maintain homes in Washington as they do in Newport, Florida, or California. They wisd a wenderful influence in the society set), one must be kind, and one must have personal attractiveness. With these quaffications the leadership is accepted and the wishes are commands. The leader must be the St. Peter standing in the door-

order of things that is not affected by and so alert that no undeserving way politics, yet the circles overlap and farer may enter without her recogning the wife of the President and her immediate friends and social familiary. When the president and the proposition is not recognitely and the proposition a y" are practically in control. It is with a twinge of sadness that the passing of the faces made familiar by many ties of personal association is seen. Owing to the growing custom on the part of officials of buying and not renting houses when called to take up their duties in Washington a number of the former leaders will remain how.

their duties in Washington a number the former leaders will remain here. Two Different Circles. Evening Services in the Churches In Washington society there are two distinct circles of society-official society and resident society. The former "SUGGESTIONS TO THE SKEPTICALLY MINDED"-The Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue and N street northwest, 8 p. m. "STRENGTH AND BEAUTY"... The Rev. J. Harvey Dunham, Wesetrn Presbyterian Church, H street near Nineteenth northwest, 8 p. m. "TWELVE BOYS PUT UP AT AUCTION"-The Rev. A. W. Spooner,

is made up of six distinct sets, which the President and Mrs. Wilson, including the Vice President and his family and the members of the Cabinet and their families; the judiciary, which includes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and his associate justices, the judges of the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States, the judges of the Court of Claims of the United States and the various other courts; the Diplematic Corps, comprised of the representatives of the various foreign countries sent to the United States; Congress, made up of the Senators and members of the House of Representatives, and the army and navy set.

Resident society is not divided so clearly, but is one large set, including of many of the families of earliest inhabitants and settlers of the trict, society folk from other cities whose financial standing has made it possible for them to have homes i Washington and enjoy the social sea-son in Washington, which is really the American "court life," and many for-

loth to tear themselves away. Leaders In Each Set.

mer officials who feel the attraction of

"loadstone" in Washington and ar-

Of each circle or set, as you will call them, are their leaders. Years ago when the matter was far less momentous, there was always one leader of Washington society. Now, however, things have changed

and with the official Washington and the social Washington, we find the varlous leaders. Mrs. Wilson naturally is the supreme

leader of official society as Mrs. Richard H. Townsend is the leader of the smart resident set. As the social ques The leadership of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Warshall, Mrs. White, and Mme. Jus-G. S. K. Marshall, Mrs. White, and Mme. Just G. S. K. serand comes according to preceden

MESPETER . G. GERRY

ington one must have money, one must ing corners of the earth; one must be broad minded, one must be generous Newport, Florida, or California. They be the St. Peter standing in the door-yield a wonderful influence in the social way of Washington's social paradise,

> tion.
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> Mrs. John W. Kern of Indiana, is predicted to be one of the new regime who will be among the principal leaders of the Senate set, and others who will be prominent in that circle will be Mrs. James A. O'Gorman, of New York... Mrs. William P. Jackson, of the season, as in seasons of the past. York: Mrs. William P. Jackson, of this season, as in seasons of the past, Maryland, and Mrs. John K. Shields, are Mrs. Timothy T. Ansberry, of

Sixth Presbyterian Church, Sixth C streets southwest, 7:45 p. m.

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ple Baptist Church, Tenth and N streets northwest, 7:45 p. m.

tennial Baptist Church, Eighth and I streets northeast, 8 p. m.

M. E. Church, Ninth and P streets northwest, 8 p. m.

M. E. Church, Third and A streets northeast, 7:30 p. m.

Wesley M. E. Church, Fifth and F streets northwest, 8 p. m.

street northwest, 8 p. m.

nue northwest, 8 p. m.

"A HARD SAYING"-The Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, New York

"THE SINNER'S SUBTERFUGE: 'THE INCONSISTENCY OF PRO-

"FEAR AND FAITH"-The Rev. Paul R. Hickok, Metropolitan Pres-

"GOD'S WILL AND THE WAY TO IT"-The. Rev. Hinson V. How-

"CAIN DESPISING BROTHERHOOD"-The Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir, Tem-

"IF CLEVER DETECTIVES SEARCHED WASHINGTON CHURCHES

"THE SEVEN WORDS ON THE CROSS"-The Rev. John Compton

"THE SIN AGAINST LOVE"-The Rev. Dr. James Shera Mont-

"CONTAGIOUS CHARACTER"-The Rev. Wilbur V. Mallalieu, Union

"ELISHA, THE FARMER"-The Rev. Dr. Lucius C. Clark, Hamline

"THE BATTLE OF THE BOOK"-The Rev. A. H. Thompson, Waugh

"GOD OR PLEASURE-WHICH?"-The Rev. Dr. William I. McKenny.

"SEEING AND DOING"-The Rev. J. A. Campbell, First United Presbyterian Church, Rock Creek Church road and New Hampshire ave-

COULD THEY FIND REAL CHRISTIANS?-The Rev. E. Hez Swem, Cen-

Ball, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, 7:45

gomery, Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church, John Marshall place and C

M. E. Church, Twentieth street near Pennsylvania avenue northwest, 8

lett, Second Baptist Church, Fourth street and Virginia avenue southeast,

Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York avenue and H streets northwest.

FESSING CHRISTIANS'"-The Rev. Dr. C. Everest Granger, Gunton Tem-

ple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fourteenth and R streets northwest,

but this is not so of the non-official resident set or of the Senate Circle or Congressional circle,

Mrs. Townsend As Leader.

Mrs. Townsend is conceded to be the leader of Washington's smart resident and Mrs. Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoman Association of Tennessee. Among the old members who will remain in their same place of prominence will be Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia; Mrs. James E. Martine, of New Jersey; Mrs. Fletcher, of Florida; Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, and Mrs. Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoman Mr

MRS JOHN W. KERN WIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE

FROM INDIANA. -

her set, not only because know languages, one must know poli-tics, literature, art, music, the interest- and a lifelong resident of Washington, but because she is one of the most beautiful and attractive and women in this country.

Others Of Importance.

Others in the new Congress who will be important in the new social structure are Mrs. Thomas B. Dunn, of New York; Mrs. Fred A. Britten, of Illinois; William M. Calder, of New York Mrs. William M. Calder, of New York, and Mrs. Hunter H. Moss, jr., of West-Virginia. Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the Speaker of the House, always a dominant figure and leader, will make past. Others of the women of the House who will be before the public eye this season, as in seasons of the past,

Ohio; Mrs. Jack Beall, of Texas; Mrs. William P. Borland, of Missouri; Mrs. William A. Cullop of Indiana, Mrs. William Kent, of California; Mrs. James R. Mann, of Illinois; Mrs. Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, and Mrs. Victor Murdock, of Kansas.

Hutchinson, daughter of Mrs. Henry F. Dimock. This proves how closely are the various circles overlapped, for Mrs. Hutchinson has always been one of the prominent women of residen-

Distinguished As Newcomer. Among the most distinguished new mers this season into the resident set is Mrs. DeLoss Blodgett, of Grand Is Mrs. Deloss Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who has purchased the home of former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry.

Another circle of Washington society, which truthfully comes under the head of official society, but which is ever changing, is "army and navy" society. The army and navy set held a distinctive place during the Taft administration.

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Col. J. E. Kuhn and Mrs. Kuhn have
recently come to Washington to succeed
the previous commandant of the Washington Barracks and Mrs. William B.
Barden. Mrs. William P. Biddle, wife
of the commandant of the Marine Barracks, is an important figure in Washington society, and Washington is now
bidding 2 sad farewell to the former
commandant of Fort Myer, just across
the river in Virginia Col. and Mrs. Joseph Garrard, and their delightful family, who leave for their new post at
Fort Bliss, Tex., after being stationed
so near Washington for five years.

## Two Sent to Open New Commerce Agencies

The Department of Commerce, in a statement issued yesterday announced the following changes in its personnel:

Lacey C. Zapf has been transferred from the War Department to the position of clerk at \$1,200 in the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. In the Bureau of Foreign and Department of Commerce. the Census, Department of Commerce. In the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Edwin E, Judd, clerk, has been promoted to commercial agent at \$1,600 and assigned to New Orleans, and H. H. Garver has been appointed commercial agent at Chicago. Each will be in charge of newly established branch offices.

In the Bureau of Standards, Albert B. Smith has been reinstated as clerk at \$1,000; Chauncey G. Peters, laboratory assistant, has been promoted to \$1,000; the temporary appointment of Maurice Kohner as clerk at \$720 has been extended; and temporary appointments have been given to C. H. Schwertner, Maurice Thorne, and George Prender, as laboratory apprentices, at \$450 each. C. F. Townsend has been appointed deputy warden at \$900 in the Bureau of Fisheries.

### Sons of Confederate **Veterans to Dance**

Washington Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and its sponsor and maid of honor, Miss Mary Augusta Magruder and Miss Nellie Claire Howard, respectively, announce a dance to be given on Tuesday evening at Confederate Memorial Hall, 1322 Vermont avenue.

Vermont avenue.

The executive committee includes J.
Roy Price, Max Kahn, E. W. R.
Ewing, Thomas A. Whelan and R. R.
Duffie. The chaperones are Mrs. Wallace Streater, president of the District division or the Daughters of the
Confederacy; Mrs. E. C. Dutton and
Mrs. Howell Smith. P. J. Altizer is
the floor committee. chairman of the floor committee.